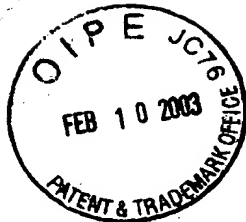


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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated August 8, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows.

--Page 6, line 22 to page 7, line 4, please amend as in the marked-up copy to read as follows:

--In a preferred embodiment of the present inventive use, the material(s) of the stabilizer/surfactant is/are selected from the group consisting of stabilizers/surfactants which allow a passage of said nanoparticles including said physiologically effective substance(s)